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In re Patent Application of : DANIELLE A. THOMAS  
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Prior Examiner : N. Ha  
Title : SCRATCH PROTECTION FOR DIRECT  
CONTACT SENSORS

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the grant of the patent for United States Serial No. 09/360,839, the Applicant is filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Before examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 3-7 of the specification with the following:

The present invention is a continuation of commonly assigned copending

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